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Public Comment Opens for Draft Guidelines for \$177 Million in Park and Recreation Grants

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is conducting public hearings regarding draft guidelines for approximately \$180 million available for competitive grants. The guidelines are for two programs, the Murray-Hayden Urban Youth Services and the Urban Park Program, both funded from Proposition 40. The hearings will take place May 6, 7, 8 and 13th in Sacramento, San Diego, Los Angeles and Oakland respectively. Public comments will be accepted also through email and mail with a deadline of May 27th.

The Murray-Hayden program earmarks approximately \$47 million in funds to local agencies and community based organization for capital projects such as parks and park facilities and youth centers that will assist at-risk youth in heavily populated areas. The Urban Park Program will allocate approximately \$130 million in funds for the acquisition and development of new parks, recreation areas and facilities in densely populated neighborhoods with a lack of parks and recreational facilities.

The hearing dates and locations are as follows; Sacramento (May 6 at the Natomas Community Center), San Diego (May 7 at the Balboa Park Club), Los Angeles (May 8 at the Metropolitan Water District) and Oakland (May 13 at the Elihu Harris Building). The Urban Park Program hearings will be from 10:00-11:30 am and the Murray-Hayden Urban Youth Services Program hearing will be from 1:00 until 2:30 pm.

Anyone interested in submitting comments concerning the draft procedural guides can do so at the public hearings or by mail, email (vpatti@parks.ca.gov) or fax to the address listed below. Copies of the procedural guides are also available on the internet www.parks.ca.gov (with a link to Grants and Bond Acts) or at the address below.

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